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4th April 2017

Dear Sirs

**Re: Application to Transfer a Premises Licence, at Olivia Rose Vintage Tea Rooms,
62 Hornby Road to Miss Paula Pierson**
and
**Appoint New Designated Premises Supervisor at the same premises to Mr Antony
Griffiths**

I am in receipt of an application to transfer the premises licence number PL0847 to the applicant, Miss Paula Pierson (aka Paula Burt) [redacted] and to appoint Mr Antony Griffiths [redacted] as DPS at the same venue. On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police, I make a formal objection to this application.

In February 2017 both Antony Griffiths and Paula Pierson were arrested by Greater Manchester Police on suspicion of drug and fraud offences and are currently on bail whilst the investigation is progressed. The arrest was linked to a warrant executed at a residential flat above a premises called Olivia's Tea Rooms in Worsley, Manchester. Paula Pierson was the owner of Olivia's Tea Rooms at the time and Antony Griffiths, Miss Pierson's partner, was living in the flat above where the warrant was executed.

On liaising with colleagues in Greater Manchester they have stated that a significant number of high quality cannabis plants were seized from this upstairs living area. These are currently being analysed by experts in Manchester. There is also an investigation into an unpaid £20,000 electricity bill at the premises.

The Police have significant concerns that both parties now wish to open and run a very similar premises together in Blackpool whilst this offence is still being investigated. Both parties will be living at the same address as the licensed premises in the residential flat

above. As a result, Police are of the opinion that if these applications were granted, the Licensing Objective of Prevention of Crime and Disorder would be undermined.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H.P.' followed by a stylized flourish. To the right of the signature, the initials 'PS:MA' are written in a smaller, less stylized hand.

PS 1747 Helen Parkinson
pp Chief Superintendent